

REMARKS

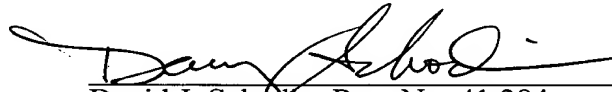
Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have discovered that SEQ ID NO: 4 of the Sequence Listing has one error. Specifically, that SEQ ID NO: 4 has a Proline in place of an Arginine at position 43. This error in SEQ ID NO: 4 is also found on page 9 of the specification. Applicants have amended this typographical error in SEQ ID NO: 4 on page 9 to comport with the correct sequence found in Fig. 3A-1. No new matter is introduced by this amendment because the correct amino acid sequence is present in Fig. 3A-1 which was part of the application when filed. Furthermore, the skilled artisan would have recognized that the SEQ ID NO: 4 disclosed on page 9 was an error because the correct translation of the corresponding nucleic acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1, also disclosed in Fig. 3A-1) results in an Arginine at position 43 of SEQ ID NO: 4. In addition, submitted herewith is an amended Sequence Listing.

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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